



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, January 11, 2026

Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today. If you're new, please take a look at the "NEW" section on the back cover for some ways to connect with us.

This bulletin contains instructions (usually next to the pilcrow symbol ¶) and explanations meant to help us fully participate in our worship of God. The People read **bold text** with a loud voice. Scripture lessons are from the English Standard Version.

The Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany on January 6, directly after the season of Christmas-tide. Epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation." In Christ, God has made himself known, not only to the Jews but to all peoples of the world. On Epiphany, the Western church points to the visit of the Magi, who were the first Gentiles to recognize Jesus as King, bowing down to worship him. In the Eastern church, the focus is on Christ's baptism, when all three persons of the Trinity testified that Jesus was the Son of God. Major themes of Epiphany are light, dawn, and Christ as the Morning Star

THE PRELUDE

¶ Music is played to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God.

INTROIT (II AM)

The Glory of the Father

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own, and his own, and his own received him not.

Words: adapt. John 1 | Music: Egil Hovland (1924–2013)

¶ Immediately at the conclusion of the Introit, the People stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Blessed be the LORD God,
 and blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever.

People Nations shall come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Leader From the rising of the sun to its setting
 your Name will be great among the nations,

People and in every place incense will be offered in your Name.

Leader The Lord has shown forth his glory.

People O come, let us adore him.

H Y M N

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star



1. How bright-ly shines the Morn-ing Star; the na - tions see and
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3. Re - joice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



hail a - far the light in Ju - dah glo - rious.
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high-est ser - a -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy pow'r, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words & Music: 1597 | Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
para. William Mercer (1811-1873); harmony ca. 1730 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INVOCATION, CONFESSiON OF SiN, & THE LORd'S PRAYER

¶ *Led by the Elder*

Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name.
 Thy kingdom come.
 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

¶ *Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Following the Peace, the People sit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (8:30 AM)

¶ *The People stand and may sing the bold text.*

Here I am to Worship

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you. (*the People repeat this verse*)

Here I am to worship.

Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely,

Altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly you came to the earth you created—
All for love's sake became poor.

(chorus, sung twice)

Words & Music: Tim Hughes

(II AM)

Nunc Dimitis

Preserve us, O Lord while waking and guard us while sleeping.
That awake we my watch with Christ,
And asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word, to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Words: Luke 2; Book of Common Prayer | Music: Jeff Junkinsmith (b. 1956)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-7

pew Bible p. 619

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

¶ A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.

Nº 206 Brightest and Best of the Son of the Morning

MORNING STAR

¶ The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-21

pew Bible p. 807

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn No 734)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

SERMON

A King for All

Adam Herndon

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low
2. I want to see ____ the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3. I'm look-ing for ____ the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run ____ with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life ____ is Je - sus. In him there is no
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy ____ of Je - sus.



dark-ness at all. The night and the day— are both a-like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words and Music: 1966, Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 (tune name: Houston)

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THE PRAYERS

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering.*

OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. The offering plates are passed while music is offered to the Lord.*

Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar

The organ plays today's opening hymn "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" under the singer's melody.

Three kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travelers three,
where the newborn King of the Jews may be.

*Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see.

*Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

Thou child of man: lo, to Bethlehem
the kings are traveling— travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting-place.

*Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.*

Words & Music: Peter Cornelius (1824–1874), using a melody of Philip Nicolai

P R E S E N T A T I O N O F O F F E R I N G S

¶ *The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

H Y M N

Nº 226 As With Gladness Men of Old

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B E N E D I C T I O N

T H E P O S T L U D E

¶ *The People may sit or leave quietly during the postlude. Please be respectful of those listening to the music in the sanctuary or via the livestream.*

Epilogue on “As with Gladness”

W. H. Harris (1883–1973)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHING MINISTER Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDERS 8:30 Kirstin Peltz
11:00 Richard Ibekwe

LAY READERS 8:30 Eleanor Peltz
11:00 Margaret Diffenderfer

MUSICIANS The Chamber Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
Jonathan VanderWoude, *baritone*
Ashley Schumacher, *voice*
Samuel Bigus, *upright bass*

Staff directory: parkstreet.org/about-us/staff

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“...for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:30-32

Let us pray together...

- For our church, that God would increase our trust in him as we look to this new year.
- For our neighbors, that they would see the goodness of God in us as we learn to be more like Jesus.
- For our nation and our world, that the Prince of Peace would bring peace as only he can.

Submit prayer requests to: parkstreet.org/requestprayer (or call 617-523-3383)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More details at parkstreet.org/everything

* Indicates childcare available. Preregistration may be required.

Today

Sunday Worship* | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Sanctuary*
Children's Church & Nursery | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Various Rooms*
Children & Youth Sunday School Classes | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*
Children's Choir | 9:45 am | *Sky Room*
Adult Sunday School in Regions | 9:45 am | *Terrace, Granary, & Welcome Center*
Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*
College Student Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Sky Room*
Newcomers Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*
Dinners in Regions | 6 pm | *Various Homes*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | parkstreet.org/morningprayer
Café Young Adults Ministry | Tue & Wed, 7 pm | *Welcome Center*
The Men's Bible Study | Wed, 7:30 am | *Common Room*
Life Together Women's Bible Study | Wed, 10 am | *Terrace Room*
Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10 am | *Granary Room*
Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Thu, 5:45 pm & Sat, 8:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*
Friendship Bible Study | Thu, 7 pm | *Sky Room*
Friday Family Night | Fri, 7 pm | *Various Rooms*
Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*
All-Church Prayer | Sat, 8:30 am | *Zoom*
Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | *Granary Room & Common Room*
Other Small Groups and Bible Studies | Various Times | *See parkstreet.org/groups*

General

Newcomers Lunch | Today, 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

If you're new to Park Street and considering making it your home church, welcome! Bring your questions about the church and meet some of our leaders as we enjoy good food together. Feel free to drop in after the service.

Dinners in Regions | Today, 6 pm | *Various Homes*

If you missed the registration for this evening's dinners, be sure to join your Region in Church Center for information about future Sunday evening dinners.

All-Church Prayer

Meeting the first Sundays of the month at the church in the afternoon and other weeks on Saturdays at 8:30 am on Zoom. Jan 24 (4th Saturday) will continue to be a Missions focused prayer.

New Members Class | Sun, Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

Interested in learning more about the church? Join us three Sundays for lunch and an exploration of our community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities. Register by Jan 18 on Church Center.

Prayer & Discernment for Sunday Evenings | Sun, Jan 25, 5 pm | *Welcome Center*

With the conclusion of the evening service, we have scheduled several times to gather for prayer and discernment for God's leading regarding Sunday evenings. We will meet on Sundays, Jan 25, Feb 15, Mar 22, and Apr 26. We value your participation in these gatherings, and all are invited to join.

Women's Day Retreat | Sat, Feb 7 | 9am–4 pm | *Glastonbury Abbey*

We will connect as a community and growing deeper the Lord together. Scholarships, ride shares and childcare for young children available upon request. Registration closes after 60 people or by Sun, Jan. 25.

January Friday Family Night | Fri, Jan 16, 7-9 pm | *Various Rooms*

Open to all ages, nursery through 12th grade—for pizza and lots of fun. It's a great chance for kids to play and parents to connect or enjoy time together. Please register ahead of time to help us plan (youth group does not need to register).

Kidsweek 2026: Rainforest Falls | Jul 13-17

Step into Rainforest Falls—Exploring the True Nature of God. Registration is now open on Church Center for a week packed with singing, games, crafts, Bible adventures, and sweet treats, all pointing kids to the love of Jesus and the joy of knowing Him.

Couples Charcuterie Board Building Night | Fri, Feb 13, 7 pm | *Granary Room*

Enjoy an evening of laughter, creativity, and connection as you build a beautiful board together under the instruction of charcuterie pro, Lisa Crawford. Register in Church Center by Feb 5.

2026 Short-Term Missions

Ivory Coast | Ministry of Trauma Healing for Young Women | May 16–30, 2026

South Asia | Cultural Learning Trip with Frontiers | May 24–June 7, 2026

Central Asia | Ministry to Young Professionals | July 16–26, 2026

Lewiston, Maine | Ministry to Refugee & Immigrant Community | July 26–31 2026

Queens, New York | Kid's Ministry in Immigrant Community | August 2–7, 2026

South Africa | Prison Aftercare & Restorative Justice Ministry | August 2026

Summer Internship Programs with Pioneers

U.K. | Serve Unreached Immigrants and Refugees | May 20–July 24

East Asia | Teach English and Coach Sports | May 20–July 10

Southeast Asia | Sustainable Farming and Seeds of the Gospel | May 20–July 24

For more information or to apply, visit parkstreet.org/missions.

Applications are due by Jan 31.

N E W ?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. Wherever you're coming from and whatever questions you are asking, we welcome you to join us as we seek to become more like Jesus.

Here are some specific steps you can take to connect:



- Fill out a **Connect card** in the pews and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. You can also visit parkstreet.org or scan the **QR code** at the right. We'll be in touch.
- Meet an elder or minister at the **Info Desk** in the Welcome Center (one floor below the sanctuary) and pick up a **Welcome booklet**.
- RSVP to the invitation you receive for the **Newcomers Lunch**, where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better!



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